

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

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70. (currently amended) A system for teaching musical rhythm, said system comprising:

a block shaped to resemble a time signature;
a plurality of blocks shaped to resemble notes; and
a plurality of beat mats;

wherein the plurality of beat mats ~~may be~~ are laid out to indicate a correct number of beats in a measure for the time signature.

71. (original) The system of claim 70 wherein the time signature is four-four time.

72. (original) The system of claim 70 wherein the block shaped to resemble a time signature and each of the plurality of blocks shaped to resemble notes each have a first side having a thickness, wherein the thickness of the first side of the block shaped to resemble a time signature is such that only a group of

the plurality of blocks having the correct rhythm will be of equal combined thickness.

73. (original) The system of claim 70 further comprising a block shaped to resemble a bar line.

74. (original) The system of claim 73 further comprising a block shaped to resemble a slur.

75. (original) The system of claim 70 further comprising at least one block shaped to resemble a rest.

76. (original) The system of claim 70 further comprising at least one block shaped to resemble a dot.

77. (new) A system for teaching musical rhythm, said system comprising:

at least one block that visually indicates a time signature;
at least one block that visually indicates a musical note; and
a plurality of beat mats;

wherein the plurality of beat mats are laid out to indicate a number of beats in a measure for a given time signature.

78. (new) The system of claim 77 wherein each block that visually indicates a time signature has a thickness proportional to its indicated time signature.

79. (new) The system of claim 77 wherein each of the at least one block visually indicating a musical note has a thickness proportional to a beat value of its indicated musical note.

80. (new) The system of claim 77 further comprising a block visually indicating a bar line.

81. (new) The system of claim 77 further comprising a block visually indicating a slur.

82. (new) The system of claim 77 further comprising at least one block visually indicating a rest.

83. (new) The system of claim 77 further comprising at least one block visually indicating a dot.

84. (new) The system of claim 77 wherein each of the at least one block that visually indicates a time signature is shaped to resemble its indicated time signature.

85. (new) The system of claim 84 wherein each of the at least one block that visually indicates a musical note is shaped to resemble its indicated musical note.

86. (new) The system of claim 85 wherein each of the at least one block that visually indicates a time signature has a thickness proportional of its indicated time signature.

87. (new) The system of claim 86 wherein each of the at least one block visually indicating a musical note has a thickness proportional to a beat value of its indicated musical note.